



## TOWN OF ROCKLAND

### Board of Selectmen

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S OPEN SESSION held on  
Monday, January 7, 2008 at 7:00PM in the H. Bernard Monahan Memorial Room,  
Town Hall, 242 Union Street Rockland, Massachusetts 02370.**

**Present: Mrs. Parsons, Mr. Valanzola, Mr. Chaffee, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Zupkofska**

Anton Materna led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Parsons thanked Steve M. for at his own expense putting rock salt on the walkway in front of Town Hall when he heard the Highway Department was temporarily out of salt.. She also thanked Nicole Queenan and Rebecca Enman for the artwork on Town Hall doors at Christmas.

Mrs. Parsons addressed Selectman Zupkofska regarding an email he sent accusing Executive Assistant Mary Stewart of giving the keys to the Town Hall/Selectmen's Office on her own accord to Linda Salvati without the BOS's approval. Mrs. Parsons reiterated that she was the one who directed Mary to give the keys to Linda. Mr. Zupkofska felt this should have been a BOS decision and should have been previously discussed and requested building security be discussed later.

#### **A. MINUTES – None**

#### **B. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

##### **1. SSTTDC Update – Terry Fancher**

Mr. Fancher gave an update re: water bonds, betterment charges, meetings with DOR, services that will be provided, East/West Parkway financing, tax rate, marketing center and article in Weymouth news that was in error. BOS expressed their comments, concerns and asked questions. Boards/Committees/Residents were invited to ask questions and give comments.

##### **2. Taxi License - Lulu Transportation**

**Motion: Mr. Zupkofska to approve license for Lulu Transportation**

**Second: Mr. Chaffee**

**Vote: 5-0**

Agenda being taken out of order:

### C. NEW BUSINESS

#### 2. Community Opportunities Group – New Application

Wayne Darragh gave an explanation of new application.

**Motion: Mr. Zupkofska to have Mr. Darragh's company to go forward with the application ADA accessibility for HS and sidewalks and an application up to a million dollars.**

**Second: Mr. Chaffee**

**Vote: 5-0**

Mr. Darragh spoke on Community Development strategy and target area established.

**Motion: Mr. Zupkofska to amend and include the target area**

**Second: Mr. Chaffee**

**Vote: 5-0**

#### 3. Snow & Ice Deficit

**Motion: Mr. Chaffee to approve deficit spending for Snow & Ice**

**Second: None**

Mr. Zupkofska to limit amount to \$50,000. Mr. Hart – If you give him a \$50,000 cap it will be illegal for him to spend beyond that. Mr. Corvi gave an overview of what he spends or BOS can give him a letter saying not to plow. Mr. Valanzola questioned clearing Union Street center. Mr. Corvi spoke about public safety.

**Motion: Mr. Simpson to approve deficit spending for Snow & Ice**

**Second: Mr. Chaffee**

**Vote: 5-0**

#### 4. ZBA – Request 53G Account-Legal

Mr. Manzella gave overview of why the need a 53G Account-Legal

**Motion: Mr. Zupkofska to approve ZBA request for 53G Account-Legal**

**Second: Mr. Valanzola**

**Vote: 5-0**

#### 5. Request for Nextel information - BOS

Mr. Zupkofska gave an overview of cell phone bills issues, accountability and checks and balances. He would like to get a list to verify everyone with a phone and indicated that Mrs. Stewart said Mr. Hart would have such a list. Mr. Hart indicated that there were 56 phones and the police department is exempt from

giving the numbers so the numbers could not be posted as requested. Mr. Zupkofska felt the BOS falls under this exemption. Mr. Hart looked for an exemption to see if the BOS was exempt and he could not find one and offered if Mr. Zupkofska knew of one to let him know. Mrs. Parson's indicated that under the Patriot's Act the Fire and Police Department are exempt. Chief Llewellyn read an email from Mr. Zupkofska and informed him that there is an investigatory exemption for the Police Department and he refuses to give this information and has no idea why Mr. Zupkofska wants to pursue this any further. Mr. Zupkofska felt this was blown out of proportion.

Mr. Zupkofska informed the BOS he invited the auditors to come in for the February 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Chaffee – Your not the Chairman or Vice Chairman or TA why are you asking the auditor to come in before this board? Mr. Zupkofska – without a TA he felt he could call and invite them in for their yearly update. Mr. Chaffee – This should go through the Chairman or Vice Chairman.

Mr. Zupkofska - I'm going to continue to do my job and question things as I see fit either by email or phone and I hope people cooperate. Mr. Chaffee – Mike has a lot of good questions. My problem is the way they are asked and if they were asked in a different manner that wasn't sarcastic he has a lot of good questions.

**Motion: Mr. Simpson to get a list of how many phones are assigned to each Department.**

**Second: None**

## **B. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)**

### **2. Budget Discussion-Vet/Library/COA/Youth Com/Park/Treasurer**

Mr. Hart gave an overview of the budget (1) level funded budget; (2) 1.7% reduction across the board.

**Motion: Mr. Valanzola to approve Street Lighting (GG) @ \$61,437.50**

**Second: Mr. Chaffee**

**Vote: 4-0-1 (Mrs. Parsons abstained)**

Anton Materna spoke on the Veterans' Budget.

**Motion: Mr. Zupkofska to approve Veterans' Budget (HH) @ \$162,202.00**

**Second: Mr. Valanzola**

**Vote: 5-0**

**Motion: Mr. Chaffee to approve Celebrations (PP) @ \$9,600.00**

**Second: Mr. Valanzola**

**Vote: 5-0**

Mrs. Looney & Mrs. Brown gave a lengthy overview on the Library Budget.

**Motion: Mr. Chaffee to table Library budget as figures Library has were incorrect**

**Second: None**

**Motion: Mr. Valanzola to approve Library Budget (KK) @ \$379,826.29**

**Second: Mr. Chaffee**

**Vote: 5-0**

Mrs. Bryan spoke on the COA Budget

**Motion: Mr. Valanzola to approve COA Budget @ \$45,778.31**

**Second: Mr. Simpson**

**Vote: 5-0**

Ms. Guerrette spoke on the Youth Commission Budget

**Motion: Mr. Simpson to approve YC Budget @ \$39,320.00**

**Second: Mr. Chaffee**

**Vote: 5-0**

Peter Ewell spoke on Park Department Budget.

**Motion: Mr. Simpson to approve Park Department @ \$171,320.19**

**Second: Mr. Chaffee**

**Vote: 5-0**

Treasurer is not present for her budget.

**Motion: Mr. Valanzola to approve Miscellaneous & Unclassified @ \$33,697.24**

**Second: Mr. Zupkofska**

**Vote: 5-0**

Mrs. Parsons would like to adjourn as it is 11:10PM. Rest of board wanted to continue.

3. TA-Interim Discussion

BOS discussed different issues regarding an Interim TA.

**Motion: Mr. Simpson to invite John Clifford to next meeting to discuss the  
Interim TA position**

**Second: Mr. Chaffee**

**Vote: 5-0**

**Motion: Mr. Zupkofska to have Auditor's report on Town Website & new  
Legislation from Mr. Fancher on website**

**Second: Mr. Valanzola**

**Vote: None**

**Motion: Mr. Zupkofska to have Auditor on February 4, 2008**

**Second: None**

4. Non-Compliance Letter – DEP – postpone until next meeting.

## **F. OPEN FORUM**

Chief Llewellyn gave an update of a Level 3 Sex Offender living at the Lodge. Residents are to be aware and show their children his picture. He is a very dangerous person so please talk to your children about it and call 911 immediately if he approaches your children or is seen out and about. His report is the most disturbing report I have ever read.

Chief Llewellyn also reported they responded to a stabbing and Officer Somers took Boyar and took off after the suspect. Boyar made contact and bit him, the suspect made a tourniquet and strangled Boyer until he passed out. The suspect was apprehended by a second dog from Duxbury. This man had a warrant for arrest from Brazil on a murder charge.

Chief Llewellyn reported a successful drug search at the HS. No drugs were found and the thanked Superintendent Retchless for his participation.

**Motion: Mr. Chaffee to adjourn to Executive Session at 11:28PM for litigation and Collective Bargaining and not to reconvene**

**Second: Mr. Valanzola**

**Vote: 5-0 Mr. Chaffee-yes, Mr. Valanzola-yes, Mr. Simpson-yes, Mr. Zupkofska-yes and Mrs. Parsons-yes**

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**Mr. James F. Simpson**

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**Mr. Lawrence J. Chaffee**